

ABSTRACT

A network printing system for conducting printing with a specified printing device among a plurality of printing devices connected to a network. In this system, a network device (1) is provided for converting print-request data sent from a print requester via the network into a format for the specified printing device to create print data, and transmitting the print data to the specified printing device via the network. The network device (1) includes: a device information storage section (14) for storing device information representing print specifications for the plurality of printing devices; a document definition file storage section (12) for storing a document definition file representing a definition of a document; and a format converting section (16) for converting the print-request data into the print format for the printing device based on the retrieved document definition file and the device information of the printing device.